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## OGC HAS REVIEWED.

18 December 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, EE

SUBJECT : Applicable Air and Rail Per Diem  
Rate for Travel Within [REDACTED]

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1. In [REDACTED] Chief of Station, [REDACTED] has requested a legal opinion on the interpretation of Section 6.2c of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations. The particular question concerns the maximum per diem rate which may be authorized for travel by air or rail within [REDACTED].

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2. The Standardized Government Travel Regulations are issued by the Bureau of the Budget under the authority of the Travel Expense Act of 1949. We posed the question presented by the [REDACTED] to Mr. Hale of the Bureau of the Budget (Code 146, Ext. 525). Mr. Hale informed us that the \$6 rate in Section 6.2c is meant to provide a standard or base per diem rate for travel either within or between foreign countries but that the country rate may be provided if circumstances warrant in accordance with the second proviso of Section 6.2c. If the travel order fails to set a per diem rate, the rate payable will be \$6 for travel by airplane, train or boat. If the authorizing official decides that circumstances warrant a higher rate, that rate should be stated in the travel order but no reference to the proviso or exception allowed in Section 6.2c need be made.

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Office of General Counsel

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